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SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO:

Commanding General, Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio

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Transmitted herewith as a matter of interest to your command is

spot report, dated 26 December 1950, relative to subject.

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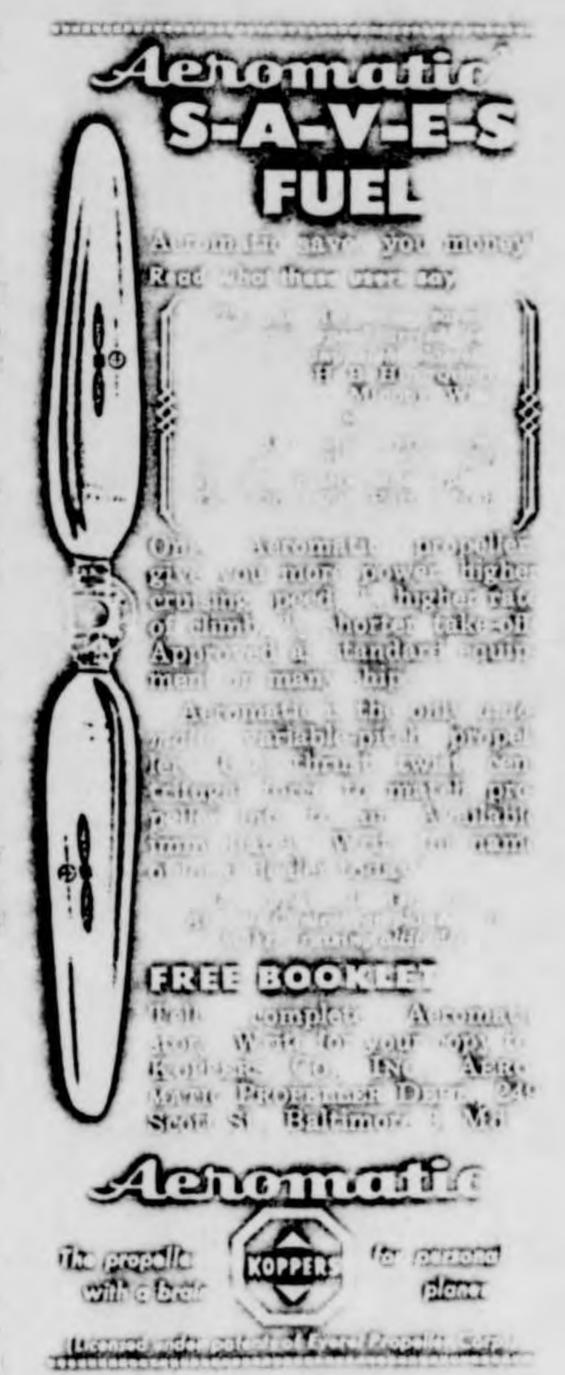
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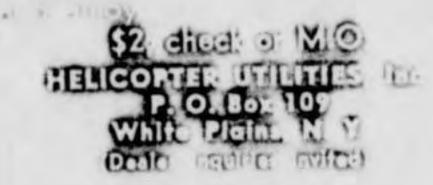
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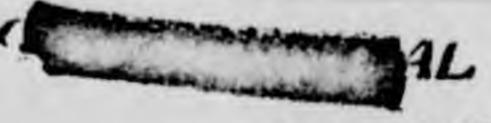
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SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

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Director of Special Investigations Headquarters, United States Air Force Washington 25, D. C.

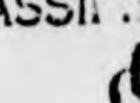
- 1. SYNOPSIS: Unidentified airborne object observed in sky over Hickam /F Base, T. H., at 2232 hours 24 December 1950.
- 2. DETAILS: A. At 2310 hours 24 December 1950, T/Sgt
 W, 1500th Air Police Squadron,
 Hickam AF Hase, on duty with Hawaiian Armed Services Police (HASP)
 reported:

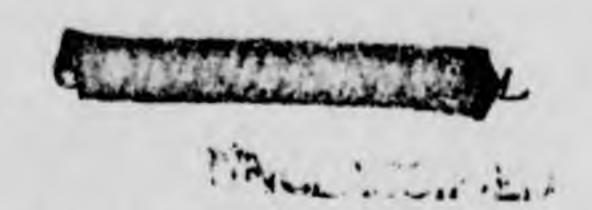
At about 2232 hours at Hickam AF Base, 24 December 1950, he observed in the sky off shore from Hickam AF Base, a bright object, traveling at a high rate of speed from the direction of Barbers Point, Oahu, past Hickam AF Base, in the direction of Lanikei, Oahu, disappearing in low clouds covering the Koolaw mountains. The forward section of this object appeared to be of the white brightness similar to that of florescent lightin of; was circular in shape; was traveling at a height of approximately 6000 feet; and from the point of view of observer was approximately 18 inches in diameter. Observer described that the object had an orange flame-type tail, about as long as the florescent section, this tail tapering to a point. An overall description given was "like that of a squid going through water". Observer stated that no

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deviation in course was noted; that object maintained consistent attitude and speed, and traveled a course parallel to the ground. Observer states he kept object in sight for approximately 30 to 45 seconds. No noise was heard. The indicated he has 19 years service, had not been drinking at time of sighting, as he was enroute to Christmas midnight church services.

- b. Eketch map of island of Cahu, over which has been set out in red colored pencil, the path and approximate course of object, is attached to action copy of this report.
- newspaper of general circulation throughout the Territory of Hawaii, in its Home Edition of 25 December 1950, carried the following news story on page 1:

MYSTERY LIGHT FLASHES ACROSS SKY; CALLS FLOOD SWITCHBOARDS

Many Honolulans Christmas Eve called the police, the newspapers and radio stations to ask about a mysterious light seen briefly in the sky about 10:30 P. M.

This morning, with no official confirmation of the phenomenon, The Star-Bulletin was still receiving calls from persons who said they saw what has been described variously as a rocket, a meteor or possibly a low flying airplane.

department at 10:43 p.m. to report seeing a "streak of light flashing through the clouds from Diamond Head to Wilhelming Rise."

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Others who telephoned the police were identified as Theodore Rhea of Aiea Heights and James and

Other callers to the police did not leave their names.

But all reported seeing the same light in the sky, at about the same time.

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Most described the light as being brilliant orange in color and lasting for only four or five seconds.

The police called the coast guard after several reports on the light or falling star had been received. The coast guard didn't know what might have caused it.

a scientist for the Bishop museum, said this norming he had not seen the phenomenon and was unable to account for it from the descriptions given.

DEFINITE COURSE

A patron of the Drive In theater said the object was traveling at a great speed and was going from the Koko Head direction toward town.

"It seemed to be on a definite course," he said "and was traveling parallel with the ground. It was a brilliant orange flame and the biggest part of it appeared about the size of a four engine plane."

garage about 10:30 when I saw a brilliant flaze traveling from Koko Head direction and headed almost due north.

"It was traveling parallel with the ground and seemed to be on a course. I saw it only about 3 or 4 seconds before it disappeared into a cloud bank.

"My first thought was that it was a meteor, but it seemed to be traveling on a definite course. Then I thought it might have been a jet aircraft."

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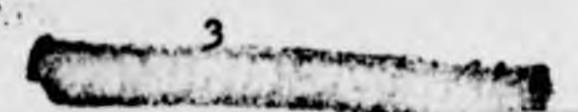
object was traveling from Diamond Head toward Koke Head and "at a terrific rate of speed.

"It was traveling parallel with the ground and was visible for about five seconds," Mr. Richmond said. "There was no noise and I would judge it to be not over 5,000 feet in altitude.

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"It was a brilliant orange color." Like the rest Mr. Richmond said he lost track of it when it disappeared into a cloud bank.

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- 3. ACTION TAKEN: Office of Intelligence Officer, Pacific Division, MATS, Hickam AF Base, telephonically advised at 2316 hours 24 December 1950. The Intelligence Officer, Hickam AF Base, telephonically advised at 2326 hours 24 December 1950.
- 4. DISTRIBUTION: In addition to addressees, copies of this report are funished:

Intelligence Officer, Pacific Division, MATS, Hickas AFB, Intelligence Officer, Hickas AF Base, T. H.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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TO : COMATS ANDREWS AFB MD

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INFO: COFS HQ USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

NR : PL 12116

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Unidentified luminous white circular flying object visually observed from Hickam AFB about 250830B coming from vic Barbars Point nas over John Rogers Airport dissapearing into local clouds over mountains east of Honolulu object followed straight level course at constant speed greater than jet acft. Total time on observed course estimate 45 to 6 seconds. Altitude estimated at 8000. Diameter proportionate to one foot object ten feet from observer orange flame extended twice diameter of object majority of flight observed with no visibility limitations. When object entered local clouds over mountains east Honolulu clouds were illuminated. Above preliminary report obtained from two observers who indicate that there are at least ten other witnesses. CINCPAC fleet has received similar reports from other observers, one of whom believes the object was a meteorite. He bases his belief on previous observations of meteorites. Investigations being conducted full rpt will be rendered soonest.

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FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS IR-376-50 Andrews AFB, Washington 25, D.C.

1. The following priority message, which concerns the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of a USAF plane, was forwarded by the Intelligence Officer, 1500th Air Transport Wing, MATS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii:

ATM Intelligence 8857. DTG 260001Z Dec 50. Under the provisions of MATS Regulation 200-3, the following information pertaining to an unidentified flying object is hereby reported. This Rapid Report is in exact quotations from the report of the pilot, Captain limited, who was evacuating patients between Johnston AFB and Hickam AFB: 'At the South Fort Allen intersection at 250833Z a large bright light approached our aircraft SB-17, 3768, from about three o'clock. We were cruising at 7,000 feet on a heading of 530 magnetic. The subject aircraft of some sort approached from the right and cut in front of us and climbed straight ahead of us out of sight. I couldn't distinguish any particular characteristics because the light was so bright. There was full moon and no clouds at the time. When the thing had passed ahead we went through its "prop wash". It trailed an orange flame and sparks, noticeable only when it pulled away and up from us. I would guess its speed to be over 300 LPH and it maneuvered like a fighter type aircraft. By first impression was that it was shining a bright floodlight at our aircraft, therefore we couldn't see too well its exact size and shape, which we could have otherwise seen in the bright moonlight. I did not change heading or altitude because it was about 1,000 feet above my flight path, or seemed to be. My navigator, conilot and engineer also witnessed the strange flying machine. I had plenty of time to call the navigator on intermone and asked him what he thought it was and he had time to look out and call me back. I flashed my landing lights but got no response from the other shin and it had no navigational lights. This object had no resemblance to a falling star or meteor. I would judge it came within 200 yards of us before turning. Another aircraft was on 2870 kc. Honolulu Overseas Radio called in and asked if there were other aircraft in the Honolulu South Port Allen area. I called at 2508352 and gave my position as at South Fort Allen at 7,000 feet. After landing I discovered other people had seen the same thing as I and had the identical description. "

2. Confirmation of the sighting is indicated in the following message received from the Commander, Pacific Division, MATS, Hickam AFB, Hawaii:

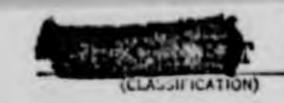
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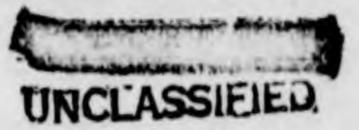
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